per month. The foodgrains are issued @Rs. 2/- per kg. for wheat and Rs. 3/-per kg for rice.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Financial Irregularities in Super Bazar

493. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an inquiry was conducted by the Central Registrar under section 9 of the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 1984 into the financial irregularities and mismanagement of the Super Bazar in Delhi by certain top executives both in Board of Directors as welll as Administration; and

(b) if so, the details of the findings thereof and action taken, if any, against the guilty persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir. The inquiry was instituted by Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies under Section 69 and 73 of Multi-state Cooperative Societies Act 1984 into the affairs of Super Bazar, Delhi.

(b) Based on the findings of Inquiry Report, the Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies had issued show cause notice to the persons involved for recovery of loss. Thereafter, the Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies by exercising his power under section 73 (2) of MSCS Act has established that Shri S.S. Dhuri, the then Chairman of Super Bazar was responsible for the loss and ordered the recovery of the amount of Rs. 24,45,780.00 alongwith an interest @ 15% per annum *w.e.f.* January 1999 from him in accordance with the law. Apart from Shri Dhuri, Shri Surender Gandhi, the then Vice-Chairman and Shri R.P. Maheshwary, the then member of the Board of Directors were also held responsible for causing loss alongwith the ex-Chairman Shri S.S. Dhuri. They have been jointly and severally held responsible to make good the loss of Rs. 24,45,780.00 along with the interest @15% p.a. *w.e.f.* January, 1999. The Central Registrar has directed the Super Bazar to initiate recovery proceedings against the alleged persons in accordance with law.